

REMARKS

Paragraph [0022] of the specification is amended as to matters of spelling.

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7 are requested to be amended as indicated in the marked-up copy of the claims to provide for better reading of the claims and to present same in the proper format for examination under United States practice.

The foregoing amendments to the claims are requested to be entered and examination on the merits requested to commence. It respectfully is submitted that claims 1-7 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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